

## Miscellaneous Notes

### I. THE BREEDING SEASON OF THE RHESUS MONKEY *MACACA MULATTA* (ZIMMERMANN) IN RAJASTHAN

During the year March 1956 to February 1957 only one troop of these monkeys was watched. The troop consisted of 20 full-grown females and 15 sub-adults. It was headed by a big male. Five-to ten-days old young were observed clinging to the breasts of their mothers between 25 March and 7 May, and again between 28 September and 8 October.

In order to confirm these observations, this troop (i) was observed again from March 1957 to December 1957; and to counter-check the observations two more troops near Jaipur were watched regularly during the year. Troop I now consists of 27 full-grown females, 4 males, and 21 sub-adults. The troop moves in the Chandpole area of the city. Troop II from the Ramganj area has 25 adults and 15 sub-adults. Troop III is a larger one and consists of over 100 monkeys. It inhabits Galta, a hilly holy place 6 miles away from Jaipur City.

These troops were observed more regularly during March to May and September to October.

Newly-born young were first observed on 23 March in troop III. Most of the females of the three troops delivered during the fortnight 23 March to 7 April. About 40 cases were observed. No newly born young were observed thereafter till 1 May when a female in troop I was seen clasping a baby. The females of troops II and III also delivered till 10 May: 4 cases in troop I, 3 in troop II, and 8 in troop III. The females again delivered during 28 September to 10 October. The deliveries were: 5 in troop I, 4 in troop II and 7 in troop III.

My observations were also confirmed by a monkey seller who is doing this business for a considerable time in Jaipur.

It appears that in this region the monkey, *Macaca mulatta*, chiefly breeds twice a year.

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